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## Religious observance policy now in effect

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University Senate decided Monday, Jan. 31 to pass an act that would put a religious observance attendance policy into action. This policy will allow students to miss class to observe religious holidays without the risk of academic penalty. Students who previously risked absences in order to celebrate religious activities can now be excused from class as long as their plans are disclosed to their professor within the first week of the semester.

Jennifer Graham, director of the Women's Center worked with marketing professor Cynthia Cano to draft the policy. The need for the policy was recognized when a student at Georgia College

needed to miss class to observe a Jewish holiday expecting to be excused from class but was instead academically penalized.

The need for a religious observance attendance policy has not only been brought up by students, but by faculty as well.

"The Board of Regents mandates that we have a policy for some kind of religious observance, there are guidelines," Graham said.

To comply with the Board of Regents expectations for universities, Graham and Cano complied sample policies from universities similar to Georgia College to create a policy appropriate for the students.

"Our policy is not as strict as other universities', and not at loose as others," Graham said.

Graham and Cano approached the policy as members of the Student Affairs Policy Committee, a subcommittee of the University Senate which is tasked with reviewing and making policies. The committee presented a motion for the religious observance policy which was passed with unanimous support.

The policy states "students are permitted to miss class in observance of religious holidays and other activities observed by a religious group of which the student is a member without academic penalty. Exercising of

one's rights under this policy is subject to the GC Honor Code. Students who miss class in observance of a religious holiday or event are required to make up the coursework missed as a result of the absence."

Students who wish to take advantage of the policy must fill out the Religious Observance Notification Form and turn it in to their professor within one week of the beginning of the semester. Once a form is turned in, students cannot be academically penalized for absences related to the observance of religious holidays, however, their responsibilities related to make-up work and deadlines are at the discretion of

the professor.

According to the policy, "instructors are required to notice students of the Religious Observance Policy in the course syllabus."

Students such as senior theatre major Stacey Silverman will benefit from the policy.

"I think the policy would make it a lot easier to celebrate certain holidays so they wouldn't feel bad having to miss class," Silverman said. "It wouldn't make it such a hard decision having to choose between your religion and class."

The policy, is expected to go into effect in Fall 2011 and will immediately serve the needs of religious students as well as satisfy the Board of Regents.



KENDYL WADE / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior forward Ryan Aquino shoots a jump shot in the men's basketball team's game against North Georgia on Feb. 2. The Bobcats won the game against the Saints 66-58. The win brought a season-long four game losing streak by the Bobcats to an end. With the win, Georgia College improved to 10-8 overall and 4-6 in conference play. The Bobcats will continue their schedule Feb. 5 when they travel to Clayton State for key conference game. Georgia College will be back at the Centennial Center Feb. 10, again Augusta State.

## Forum held to discuss growing mold concerns

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An environmental health official with the Board of Regents said Terrell and Beeson halls have no widespread mold problems.

But some on campus remain skeptical.

Alex Lehocky, the environmental health and safety program manager for the Board of Regents, walked through the buildings for two and a half hours and presented his findings and recommendations Jan. 28.

Concerns initially surfaced about air quality in September through a workers compensation claim filed by an employee.

Also, Jeffrey Blick, a professor of anthropology, who until recently occupied an office in Terrell Hall, contacted made university officials about possible mold contamination.

"There is something wrong with (Terrell) and you guys are trying to whitewash this over," Blick said at the Jan. 28 forum. "It is more serious than you think it is. You need to be poking holes in walls and you need to be more aggressive as to what you're doing.

Because there is something absolutely wrong with this building, I would stake my career on it."

In September, Blick reported suffering from many mold exposure symptoms including consistent headaches, shortness of breath, chronic bronchitis, dizziness and nausea.

"I have been told by two doctors—that is, my general practitioner and I've been told by an infectious disease specialist—and the regional EPA office in Atlanta to stay out of the building for health reasons," Blick said.

Since his first complaint, Blick has also been in touch with numerous current and past employees who suffered health problems, which they relate to their office environment in Terrell Hall.

"The two most recent people that were made the most sick are in the offices that have the strongest presence for mold, and some very scary sounding mold," Blick said.

Blick referred to himself and Victoria Smalls, the administrative assistant for interdisciplinary studies, who's office was previously located on the third floor of Terrell.

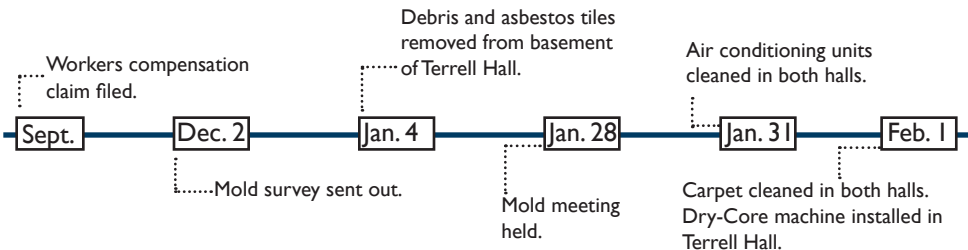


PHOTO PROVIDED BY JEFFREY BLICK  
Jeffrey Blick, a professor of anthropology, takes mold samples from the ceiling of the third floor in Terrell Hall.

In response to the concerns, on Dec. 2, Justin Gaines, coordinator of emergency preparedness and occupational safety, sent out an Environmental Protection Agency survey to see if other faculty or staff in the buildings had been affected by mold. Of the 61 fac

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### The story so far



## University updates heating and air systems in Chappell

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Chappell Hall is undergoing phase one of the renovations for its outdated heating and air system.

Over \$791,000 is being spent on the new system. Major repair and renovation funds came from the Board of Regents to pay for the project. In addition to the cost for the new construction \$39,000 was spent on the design for the renovation.

Built in 1963, the original heating and cooling systems were still in use in Chappell Hall until recently. The system was too obsolete to keep up with the addition of new technology to the building, considering it is the home to the Serve Help Desk.

"The main reason the system is being changed is the building is not being used as it was designed," said project manager for the Department of Facilities Planning, Tim Henry.

"Fifty computers being used in the building generates a lot of heat. The old system wasn't designed for the heat load so it had to be changed."

The system being installed is the most current design available. The new system will not only deal with the heat from the computers, but it will help regulate temperature throughout the entire building.

Only the first floor of the building is undergoing renovations in phase one so the offices on that floor, including Serve, had to move. Some of the relocated personnel moved to the library and some, like Serve, to the second floor of the Chappell Hall.

"We still have our full Serve crew working in that room but you are basically in a computer lab classroom," said Interim Chief Information Officer Edward Boyd. "We are still providing service."

In the new location, there is not

much desk space for Serve, Boyd said, because of all of the computers the team has to work around.

The biggest issue that Serve faces is the lack of storage space in their temporary location on the second floor.

"One hundred plus students have already brought their computers in and we are having trouble finding a place to put them," said senior computer science major David Bartz.

According to Bartz, the space was used more efficiently downstairs because they have five cabinets in their usual space.

Other issues besides lack of storage space have been occurring on the second floor because of the construction downstairs.

"There have been some minor noise issues that can be loud and there have been some smells, but overall the construction has not been bad," said Associate Vice President

for the Extended University Mark Pelton.

Pelton is not overly concerned with the inconveniences of the renovation because he is excited to see the changes when it is over.

"I think it will freshen it up nicely and make it more energy efficient," Pelton said. "Frankly I am more excited for having new light fixtures and ceiling grids."

After phase one is completed, phase two is planned to begin around Feb. 25, and the second floor personnel will be then relocated to the first floor and other locations on campus.

"It's going to be tight. We will be sharing offices," Boyd said. "We are taking 15 people into a space that is designed for a lot less so we will be stepping on each other."

Renovations in phase two will tentatively last 50 days and are slated to end on June 16.



DRAKE SIMONS/ SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Jerry Florence, a general contractor, works on the first floor renovation of Chappell Hall. Phase one of the renovations will be completed Feb. 25.

### NEWS FLASH

**Bobcat Ramble runs through town**  
Feb. 19 will usher in the 7th Annual Bobcat Ramble 5K and 1-mile Fun Run. The fun run begins at 8:30 a.m. The 5K race starts at 9 a.m. Georgia College students register for \$10. The cost is \$20 for the advanced general public and \$25 on the day of the race. The 1-mile fun run is \$15. Participants can register at active.com and at the Wellness Depot.

### QUOTABLE

"I've got three college degrees, and I'm the 'Mater-Man' but I'm a very happy guy. That's just something I've always loved."

- Warren Moore, owner of Market Street Produce

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### NUMBER CRUNCH

25

The number of cases of the flu reported by Student Health Services this week.

Source: Twitter.com/GeorgiaCollege



# Public Safety officers honored for heroism

## Sgt. Nick Reonas of Public Safety:

During his senior year, while attending Georgia College, Reonas was involved in Public Safety. Not only was he previously a Resident Assistant and Resident Director at University Housing, he was also a member of the S.N.A.P. program in his senior year. "The S.N.A.P. we have now has shown us a decrease in alcohol related enforcements," Reonas said.

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Information compiled by: Victoria Garofalo

BROOKS McALLISTER  
STAFF WRITER

The two saw the student fly off the end of the sled, English and Hicks immediately alerted EMS personnel and worked to keep the girl stable and not move her while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Due to the inclement weather and rough road conditions, the ambulance response took longer than usual so English and Hicks wrapped the girl in their coats and made conversation with her to help calm her nerves. In a traumatizing

"I love my job. They will have to run me off," English said.

"Situations like the helping the girl in the sled-ding accident are more rewarding than anything," said Hicks. "The best part is actually getting to help people."

Hicks and English received an achievement medal recognizing their heroism. This service ribbon is the first of its kind to be given out to any Georgia College Public Safety officer. The Georgia College police policy manual has also been redone to encourage rewards for great service more frequently.

*Budget up from previous year, \$64,500 allocated for concert*

## By The Numbers

\$64,500

Amount of money that  
will be spent on the  
Homecoming concert

\$45,000

Amount of money  
spent on B.o.B. for the  
Homecoming concert

\$16,800

Funds for non-concert expenditures during Homecoming week

*Local shops, community members gather to celebrate art*

SABRINA CHANDLER  
STAFF WRITER

from Milledgeville's City Manager Barry Jarrett to get the ball rolling.

For this event, this Friday afternoon singers and bands can perform in the street, in a designated area, for tips. All businesses are also being encouraged to stay open until 8 p.m., as most normally close at 5 p.m.

“All merchants are very excited to showcase what we have and the talents that Milledgeville has, (which) sometimes get hidden,” Fields said.

Everyone involved asks that the community come out to support the arts and enjoy the family-friendly environment.

The event will be every month, so any artists or businesses interested in participating should contact Milledgeville Mainstreet.

CAITLIN RENN  
STAFF WRITER

-Malcolm Burgess Jr. donated funds to award to the "American Scholar."

It will be several years before the funds are available for students, but they will be available through the same application process for other scholarships, according Amy Amason, vice president for external relations and University Advancement and executive director of the Georgia College Foundation.

"Having money from the HOPE scholarship helps so much with school, it's great to hear about new scholarships and more opportunities for students to fund their education," said undeclared major sophomore Lindsay Schirato.

A minimum of \$10,000 establishes an endowment, and this donation accumulates interest to provide financial support in the area of the donor's choosing. Endowments support scholarships, library improvements, professorships and study abroad programs. The initial donation is never spent, ensuring that the donation will continue to provide financial support for the life of Georgia College.

"I appreciate the support people are willing to offer college students, and without it many students wouldn't be able to further both their education and themselves," said pre-med sophomore Alyson Krisher.





# Sorority battles homelessness

*Gamma Sigma Sigma holds event to collect jeans for homeless teenagers*

BRINA POTVIN  
STAFF WRITER

One hundred and thirty pairs of gently worn jeans of all brands and sizes were donated Jan. 25 and 26, as Gamma Sigma Sigma, the national service sorority on campus, held a “Teens for Jeans” event to collect jeans for the local homeless youth.

After doing some research, junior biology major and vice president of Gamma Sigma Sigma, Kaitlin Dietz came across the DoSomething.org website which claims to give students opportunities in “powering offline action.” It was on this website that Dietz found out about the “Teens for Jeans” drive sponsored by the Do Something organization and the Aéropostale clothing store.

“I thought it was a great opportunity to give back to our community,” Dietz said. “I wanted this event to be all about creating awareness on the homeless youth. You don’t really think about kids being homeless, but they make up over 30 percent of all homeless people nationwide.”

According to DoSomething.org, “One out of every three homeless people is under the age of 18,” and “1.6 to 1.7 million people under eighteen will experience homelessness each year.”

Since homelessness is so prevalent among the youth of our nation, the Do Something organization and Aéropostale partnered with over 600 homeless shelters and charities in both the United States and Canada in order to ensure that all donations go to the needs of the local communities where the jeans are donated.

“From Jan. 17 to Feb.13, all Aéropostale stores will collect jeans and offer a 25 percent discount on a new pair of jeans in the store when you donate. But I plan to bring the jeans we collect to the Aéropostale near my home and donate them then. Aéropostale will then take all the jeans where they are needed most,” Dietz said. “So if students forgot to bring the jeans they don’t wear anymore to the drive they can still contribute to the cause we are supporting.”

Despite the bad weather that occurred during the drive, a wide variety of students made the soggy trek to campus and willingly contributed their old jeans.

“We sat under the awning of Arts and Sciences in the pouring rain and people still donated so many jeans,” said Gamma Sigma Sigma member and sophomore sociology and English major, Lexi Kraft. “I think that advertising in the Residence Halls and on campus really helped get the word out to students outside of Gamma Sigma Sigma, and resulted in an amazingly large number of donated jeans. Everyone donating seemed quite enthusiastic about the cause. It appeared to me that lots of participants were overwhelmingly eager to get involved.”

Many of the contributors to the drive were thankful to have an excuse to clean out their closets while feeling good about where their “junk” was going.

“I had already grown out of the jeans I gave and it is a great way to help others in need. It is a good program and a good way to give back,” said Daniel Morris, a



BRINA POTVIN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
From left, Stephanie Jinright, Taryn Boutelle, Erica Yampierre, Ashley Waite and Suzy McEver collect jeans to donate to homeless teens in the community through the Gamma Sigma Sigma event Teens for Jeans Jan. 25.

junior accounting major.

After the drive, Dietz totaled up the number of jeans collected and gave word to the president of Gamma Sigma Sigma, Megan McGuire.

“I am very impressed with the amount of jeans that we collected to help those in need this winter. Our goal was 50 jeans, so we met and far exceeded our goal. Gamma Sigma Sigma is thankful for the students of GCSU and the community of Milledgeville who did some early spring cleaning to contribute to our ‘Teens for Jeans’ collection,” said McGuire, a senior early childhood education major.

Even after this event was such

a success, Gamma Sigma Sigma still plans to do something later in the spring when they host their annual T-shirt and coat drive.

“We are also looking forward to a drive in March to collect winter jackets for Safehouse Outreach,” McGuire said. “Last semester we collected over 1,200 t-shirts for those that are homeless in Atlanta and visit Safehouse Outreach. Help us, help others. Save your winter coats and look for more information later this semester about donation sites.”

For more information on the “Teens for Jeans” drive or other service opportunity ideas, visit [www.dosomething.org](http://www.dosomething.org).

# University approves new Greek requirements

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STAFF WRITER

Since Georgia College’s founding in 1889, it has grown from a 585 student body to a 6,000 student body with over 170 student organizations.

With so many student organizations, certain policies must be in place to protect the organizations and the campus.

Recently, SGA has proposed a revised Greek Expansion Policy.

This revised policy is directed towards Greek Life on campus at Georgia College, indicating the proper steps a future Greek student organization would have to go through to be admitted on campus.

Director of the Department of Campus Life, Tom Miles, said the previous policy needed to be updated, and a revision was needed.

“(The old policy) was dated and it was not as strict as it needed to be...it provided and allowed for loops holes,” Miles said.

These loop holes made it hard for administration to keep up with growing organizations.

“When certain steps are not followed or not in writing then some of the policy in place don’t get enforced,” Miles said.

Because of the vague policies of the old expansion policy, organizations came about on campus the wrong way.

“(This did) spark some attention of SGA and administration and students,” said SGA President Zach Mullins. “But it highlighted the need that we need to make sure any student group on campus needs to have clear guidelines how to come to our campus.”

Mullins says he pushed hard for this new policy to be put into action.

“I pushed for it...because we needed a policy that is very clear and easy to understand and students can access, (it) all needs to be laid out very clear,” Mullins said.

Erin Gant, public relations chair of Greek Steering Committee said the new policy was needed to create a checks and balances system to protect new and existing organizations.

“When looking at sororities and fraternities, they are going to be around for a while, so when you let them on your campus you have to understand you’re bringing on not just a fraternity but you’re creating a long term culture for this organization,” Miles said. “If you go back to the 1970s, that is, when the first fraternities starting coming on Georgia College, you will see they all (still) exist except for one.”

Some of the requirements of starting a Greek organization is having a 2.5 GPA, being a full time student, having at least 50 percent of the average membership planning to join, and being in good academic standing with the University.

Miles says Greek Life is growing rapidly, and within a year two more sororities are expected to be at Georgia College.

“They’re are rarely any opportunities where SGA or Greek life put up too many hurdles for any organizations to come on campus,” Miles said. “We have over 170 student organizations and we love to see that number, that basically says we have a lot of students involved on campus which is what we want to see.”

# Call chosen for international seminar

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STAFF REPORTER

Assistant Vice President and Director of the International Education Center Dwight Call has been recognized by the United States-India Educational Foundation. Call is one of 10 educators selected to participate in the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators seminar this spring.

“The goal is to learn how higher education is organized in India,” Call said of the seminar.

The seminar, slated for March 19 through April 3, is the first jointly funded seminar by the Fulbright Association and the Nehru Foundation.

Call and the nine other participants will meet with



Call

educators and various faculty members throughout India. They will visit universities in Delhi, Chennai, and Kolkata. India is a growing force in higher education systems, ranking third largest in the world, behind China and the United States.

“I thought it would be useful to know more about the Indian system of higher education and to make some connections with some of the universi-

ties,” Call said.

Call hopes to make connections while in India which will aid in future student exchange programs and study abroad programs. Call also is looking forward to meeting with Georgia College Alumni who have went back to India.

“Georgia College is looking to India to expand our relationships there and to kind of grow some of the programs,” Libby Davis, associate director of the international education center said.

Call’s trip to India is one of many ways that these connections with different countries begin. Georgia College has approximately 60 faculty and staff who are originally from different countries—which aid in collaborating with other

universities abroad.

“Hopefully we will get some contacts to recruit international students, to exchange students for either short term or longer, for a semester,” Call said about the seminar. Call also hopes to gain contacts who can work for study abroad programs throughout India. Call plans to share the information about the higher education sector in India he learns with not only Georgia College but other university systems throughout Georgia.

“The goal of the seminar is not that I just come back to Georgia College and tell people here but to have some collaborative connections in that I can share what I have learned within the state or within the region,” Call said. Call learned of the semi-

nar by the Association of International Educators, which advertises such opportunities as the program to educators. Call applied for the seminar last year, but was not selected, receiving an encouraging letter to re-apply next year.

“He’s very well respected in the field of international education,” Davis said about Call’s recognition.

Davis also comments on Call’s immense knowledge of international education.

“He’s got a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field,” Davis said. “If you mention any country or culture he can instantly give you the history or background—it’s amazing, his knowledge.”

# University to provide Mainstreet website

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Georgia College recently renewed a service agreement contract with Milledgeville Mainstreet, the city’s Downtown Development Authority, which calls for the university to provide the organization with maintenance to its website.

The Milledgeville City Council unanimously passed and adopted a resolution at its last meeting on Jan. 25 that authorizes the service agreement with the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on behalf of the university to provide the maintenance.

Caroline Collier, professor of information technology, will be in charge of the website maintenance on behalf of the university and will be assisted by one of her graduate students.

According to Milledgeville Mainstreet Interim Director Carly Schulte, Collier and her assistant will receive \$275 for 20 hours of service to the website over a 12-month period. Schulte said she has been pleased thus far with the work Collier and her student assistants have done.

“We had this contract prior the year before, and so when it came up for renewal, I was happy with how it’s been going with them,” Schulte said. “So I wanted to renew it for another year.”

Collier and her students first created the Milledgeville Mainstreet website in

2009 and have maintained it ever since. Its last update came on Jan. 4 according to Schulte. The website is one of a few that Collier and her student assistants work on and maintain.

“We probably have seven to 10 websites that we maintain and oversee throughout the community of Milledgeville and Baldwin County,” Collier said. “We are also working on one with Rock Eagle in Putnam County.”

According to its website, Milledgeville Mainstreet’s mission is to “inspire public and private investment in the revitalization and preservation in the downtown business district in order to strengthen the economic base of Milledgeville-Baldwin County.”

“We work on a four point approach,” Schulte said. “Those points are organization, design, promotion and economic reconstruction. All of those are within the context of historical preservation.”

Schulte said the website was last updated on Jan. 4, and that it should be again soon. Collier said that agreements and partnerships such as this one are beneficial to the university and especially helpful to any students who are involved in the process.

“It’s a good experience for students to be able to meet with clients and develop a good relationship with (them),” Collier said. “It does a good job of preparing them beyond their time here.”

## Mold

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ulty members in Terrell and Beeson Halls, 28 members completed the survey. The results indicated there were no widespread symptoms of mold contamination.

Then, Georgia College hired U.S. Compliance to provide mold reports for Beeson Hall.

Finally, the Board of Regents representative inspected the buildings.

Lehocky did find a few problem spots in Beeson, which will require further attention due to water intrusion.

“There are some things that we will have to do as an institution to address these issues, but fortunately for the institution, they are very isolated, and I consider them minor,” Lehocky said.

Lehocky suggests minor fixes and maintenance to avoid future possibility of contamination including cleaning dirty air conditioning units and replanting potted plants and providing trays for over-watering.

The more aggressive procedure of mold sampling was dismissed by the Board of Regents and will not be done in either hall.

Lehocky stressed that mold sampling is a controversial topic and are not scientifically reliable.

“If we do a careful enough evaluation, we don’t need to do sampling—almost never,” Lehocky said.

But Blick has taken some samples of his own.

Unsatisfied with the reports by U.S. Compliance, Blick began taking mold samples in Terrell using a kit from Lowe’s and sending it to Pro-Lab/SPTM Inc. in Weston, Flor., for processing.

“Of the 11 tests, 8 have shown positive unusual conditions for mold. That’s about 73 percent of the samples,” Blick said.

## Proposed solutions

To combat the mold issues in Terrell and Beeson halls, Plant Operations has formulated a mold remediation plan, which began the first week of January.

“I don’t believe for an average person, without some predisposition for allergies and that type of thing, I don’t believe the building is a health risk,” Groseclose said. “If there was something that we knew about in that building that was a health risk to anyone who went into it we wouldn’t have people in that building.”

Plant Operations has already removed debris in the basement of Terrell Hall and will see to removing the asbestos covered tiles from the basement. According to Interim Director of Plant Operations, Dave Groseclose, the asbestos is not putting anyone in the building at risk since it is contained in the basement.

An independent contractor will have to be hired for the removal of the tiles. Plant Operations plans to schedule this at a time when the ma-

jority of students, faculty and staff will not be on campus, possibly during Spring Break.

Officials emphasize most strains of mold are common and do not cause health issues.

“We are reacting to the mold in that building due to the health concerns of the occupants of that building,” Groseclose said. “We’re going to go the extra mile to try to find all the mold that we can in that building and get it cleaned up, but a year from now, some of it’s going to be back; it’s just the nature of it.”

All air conditioning units in both buildings are undergoing cleaning by the mechanical and custodial staff. Mold visually accumulates on the units due to nearly constant presence of moisture.

“We’re going to start training (the custodial staff) to keep an eye out in case they see mold,” Groseclose said. “It hasn’t been a specific focus in the past but we’ll start trying to do a better job of monitoring this.”

In February, the carpet will be cleaned in the lower levels of Beeson Hall and all floors of Terrell Hall, and a Dry-Core machine will be installed on the third floor of Terrell to act as a dehumidifier.

Despite the university and Board of Regents steps, some are not satisfied with their efforts to evaluate and in turn remedy the problem.

“My personal opinion,” Blick said, “is that the building needs to be renovated top to bottom, gutted and renovated, people need to be moved out of the building. It is unsafe.”





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MARK WATKINS  
REVIEWER

The newest survival-action video game, "Dead Space 2", is a solid addition to Visceral Studio's already sterling repertoire of games.

The game again follows Issac Clarke as he is awoken on a ship infested with Necromorphs, and from the beginning it's a struggle to survive. The game follows Issac as he travels through the Sprawl, the spaceship the game is set on, meets up with various other characters and searches for The Marker. Issac has gotten it into his head that it is The Marker that is spawning and leading the Necromorphs, and that he must stop it if there is ever to be peace.

The combat dynamic is excellent in "Dead Space 2". Clarke feels more confident against the Necromorphs, and he should, he's seen them before. Despite Clarke's new confidence, the game doesn't make it easy. There's nothing more nerve-wracking than putting down a charging Necromorph and barley having enough time to reload before the next wave of them hits. There



an enemy limb with Telekinesis and impale his friend on a wall with it or make an enemy go in super slow motion with Stasis as you dismember them never gets old.

The game does a great job of varying the ways Necromorphs jump out at you to try and make each time feel new and unexpected, but it still gets a bit predictable after the first play through. There are definitely some moments that make you jump, but the highly far fetched nature of the circumstances make it less personal, therefore less scary. Playing through a dark horrifying ship infested with monsters that has no end of surprises will certainly make you take a deep breath or two, but won't keep you up at night.

Carrying over from the previous game is Issac Clarke's internal battle. We witness a excellent view into the life of a man whose tormented by the actions and decisions he was forced to take.

The bottom line is Dead Space's combat will make you wanna pat yourself on the back each time you get a kill, and then quickly re-grip the controller because you never know what's next. Clarke's struggle really makes the player feel the repercussions for the happenings of the game, and lets the player see what it's really like to go through the scenes they're controlling.

JEFF STERLING  
REVIEWER

Despite the changes that student experience, one element has remained the same: taking notes. Thanks to the affordability of laptops, the tiring method of handwriting has given way to taking notes on a computer. However, there's still a drawback, it requires manually keeping many documents organized by classes and other distinctions. If you have been looking for a more seamless method, look no further than Evernote: a fully-realized, free note taking tool that supports all computer operating systems (OS), as well as all major mobile phone OS.

What Evernote offers is not merely a far more intuitive means of creating and organizing your notes, but also a seamless cloud-sync functionality, which will keep all your notes synchronized between devices, including: computers, smartphones, and tablets, as well as on your Evernote account server.

The free-level Evernote account allots the user 60 megabytes of monthly usage. For purely text-oriented note taking, this is an enormous allotment. If you choose to take advantage of the app's voice recording feature, or take notes via camera snapshots, you may come close to exceeding the cap.

Notes can be categorized by folders within the app, and can also be easily searched. Even text found in photos will be searchable like any other note. If you do not have a laptop or smartphone on you at all times (or even at all), you can still use Evernote. The app also includes the ability to view and edit your content in a web-based platform from any computer with an internet connection. In addition to this, you can even email notes to your own Evernote.com email address provided with the free account; which will then automatically post all the content to your Evernote account.

Using Evernote exclusively for all note-taking this semester has been effortless so far, and users who take

full advantage of it will see gains in productivity and organization. While the smartphone app market remains a very crowded and competitive space, finding such a powerful and full-featured app can be rare. Furthermore, to find such an app for free, and available on virtually every device, is almost unheard of. Evernote is a must-have.

Graphic source: <http://www.evernote.com/about/trunk/>

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To solve the Sudoku puzzle, each row, column and box must contain the numbers 1 to 9.



DANIELLE PALUGA  
STAFF PSYCHIC

Aquarius (January 21- February 18)- You are the water sign so go with the flow. Even if your significant other breaks up with you, your car breaks down, you fail a test (school related or otherwise), and you cut yourself shaving. I'm not saying that will happen but you never know.

Pisces (February 19- March 20)- Now's the time to go outside your comfort zone and party it up. Unless that is your comfort zone then I'd suggest staying in and studying for once.

Aries (March 20- April 19)- It's time to accomplish your goals, but make sure they are reachable like eating healthier. Don't try anything crazy such as getting a good night's sleep. That doesn't exist in college

Taurus (April 20- May 20)- Channel your inner Martha Stewart and whip up a nice meal for your friends. Just remember baking powder and baking soda are two different things.

Gemini (May 21- June 20)- Hello gorgeous this will be a good week for you because you're awesome! I promise I'm not a biased astrologer.

Cancer (June 21- July 21)- This week a friend will be in need of your aid. If you ignore her you might have a Lindsay Lohan like disaster on your hands. So what are you waiting for? Go help!

Leo (July 22- August 22)- Take a break and go on a road trip. If you're short on cash just go to Macon and see a decent movie for a change. Though "The King's Speech" is playing at the theater by the mall now.

Virgo (August 23- September 22)- The planets are in alignment this week so that you can accomplish much this week in your relationships. Just don't screw it up ok dear?

Libra (September 23- October 22)- There's trouble brewing for you this week, but don't worry your hero will come along soon enough. John Wayne is on his way. He's still alive right?

Scorpio (October 23- November 21)- This week might be a tough one for you. Take some advice from me and go to a therapy that really works: the candy aisle in your favorite grocery store.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21)- You'll be feeling a little lazy this week. Do something productive like take a story for the Colonade's Special Section.

Capricorn (December 22- January 20)-  
You're going to do fine on that test next week  
if you stop reading this and start studying.

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# Opinion

February 4, 2011 • Editor-in-Chief, Matt Chambers

## Our Voice

### Homecoming choices need voices

With all the hype that goes along with booking a Grammy nominated performer this year at Homecoming, one thing was lacking—the student opinion poll to vote on the Homecoming bands.

Unlike last year, there was no online survey conducted to see which artists students preferred.

The problem doesn't lie with dissension over B.o.B., his nominations alone prove his popularity.

However, in this economic crisis, and taking into account the recent state budget cuts, we are in a position where students should have the opportunity to say how their money is being spent.

Students should be able to decide whether or not they think the Homecoming band is worth \$45,000 and should not be the decision of the university or one committee.

Students should have more say in how their money is spent.

On the other hand, the problem with the polls is they take time, and contracts do too. This puts a strain on the Homecoming Committee to book a performer and get everything ready in time for the weekend. But if the school is going to be dropping large amounts of money funded out of student fees, it warrants some student opinion.

Perhaps a survey seeing which genres of music are popular would have sufficed. After all, not everyone enjoys hip-hop.

However, in order for this to work, students have to respond to the surveys provided by the university. Online student survey participation is waning.

The Student Opinion of Teaching surveys have had a 40 percent drop in participation since they were moved online in Spring 2009 (due to budget cuts.)

And, professors and students both benefit from the responses of those surveys. So why not help your peers, by letting that professor know that he needs to put those random assignments on his syllabus.

We're proponents for giving your opinion on everything; it's your first amendment right to freedom of speech. Whether it be commenting on food services, filling out professor evaluations or even voting for Mr. and Ms. Georgia College, you deserve to be heard. The Colonnade fully supports asking for and giving your opinion.

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## Media plays political part



ALEX SMITH

In a tribute to my fellow columnist and roommate, Ian Bridgeforth, who announced last week that he would be leaving The Colonnade, this week I will be talking about politics, or at least a derivative of it. As a political science major this topic should be my native tongue, but I admit, politics even bores me at times; so please, if you cringe at the mention of politics, feel free to stop reading here.

For the rest of you brave souls who have stayed with me, think back upon the State of the Union Address. If you were watching it on CNN, like myself, then you know

that directly after President Obama was finished, they cut away to an analyst who began to summarize what the President just said. Not only did he summarize the speech, but he also broke down the speech to the viewers as if we were fools. Immediately I changed the channel, feeling insulted by CNN.

In the age of interpretive journalism, the pundit seems to have emerged, especially in the political realm, as the face of media. No longer has the political conversation focused on the actual issues, the debate has moved to the critic's interpretation of the issues. While I agree that interpretation of issues is important to fully understand the scope and depth of problems facing our nation, the central role that interpretation has taken in political discourse has blurred our vision

as a nation.

No longer are we dealing with issues, but derivatives of the issues. And I feel that this has re-enforced the thought that politics is complex and the connotation that it is underhanded and shady. Perhaps this is my own experience, but it seems to be the case that more and more people are disengaging from the political process out of disgust for its increased complexity due to interpretative phenomenon that has come to be. I recognize that more and more of my friends on facebook have 'apathetic' as their political affiliations, and that shows such as "The Daily Show" and the "Colbert Report" have become a primary source (and often a very intelligent source) for some of the few who follow politics.

I realize that this article is now the derivative of a

derivative (that's acceleration, right?—haha, calculus humor), but no longer is this conversation about politics, it's about the media's role in politics. Are they trying to get more people interested by dumbing down and interpreting the speeches and actions of politicians? This may sound elitist, but if they engage less intelligent viewers who are more prone to accept interpretations per se, then can intelligent debates and decisions be made by the nation? Or through the pundits, are media corporations making the decisions for us? There is no doubt that the media plays an integral part in disseminating information, but they have taken up the role of the filter too. Hopefully, the media is benign, and has a benevolent intent, since they hold a great deal of power in the political sphere.

## Satire: My take on Valentine's Day

Valentines Day is only a week away, and single people across the globe are panicking. No one wants another year eating takeout, watching Lifetime, crying and phoning mother to say life couldn't be better. Luckily, single people no longer have to suffer through this holiday because there are many ways to trick friends into believing one is in a relationship this holiday season, which makes one not only look confident, but also more desirable to the opposite sex.

The first step is locating the desired date and learning his or her likes and dislikes. Private investigators are relatively inexpensive these days, but since secrecy is the goal, singles must resort to doing their own snooping. Class schedules can easily be hacked on a computer and the average apartment lock can be picked with a simple butter knife. Once the home is entered, interests can easily be deduced from posters, DVDs or even a friendly conversation with their roommate. If the roommate inquires how you entered the house a prison shank



STEVE HOLBERT

will stop the questioning and start the answers.

After the research phase is complete, it is time to create a false relationship. Photoshop is virtually free once stolen off the internet and inserting someone into a secret crush's Christmas, reunion or wedding photos doesn't break any know laws. Coworkers are more likely to believe in a false relationship if there is physical evidence, so flowers, chocolates, and sexually explicit e-mails are guaranteed to start gossip in any office. To create an illusion of a long-term relationship, simply invest in falsified sonograms or even consider paying children off the street to hug you in public and refer to you as stepdad or

aunt mistress.

Once the relationship is accepted, the third and most difficult step is to get the desired date alone and convince him or her to pay for a fancy dinner. In the past people would simply try the "Can I borrow a cup of sugar?" approach, but in 2011, one has to be more creative and less predictable. A gun to the temple of their loved one is sure to grab attention, but for people unable to purchase firearms due to age or mental conditions, snake venom is also effective and surprisingly easy to attain. Simply inject the significant other in their sleep and refuse to give them the anti-venom until the conclusion of the date, and if they leave a terrible tip, allow the waiter to decide if they deserve to live.

With these simple steps, any single person can get a date this Valentines Day and on the day when everyone is forced to eat with a silent disdain for their date, singles will finally understand how lucky they truly are.

## Why I work 22 hours on Wednesdays



MATT CHAMBERS

Dear Reader,

Every Wednesday of my senior year has been the same. I wake up early, go to some classes and then head to The Colonnade office to start our production process. Our production nights go long into the early morning of Thursday. Usually we're not here longer than 2 or 3 a.m., but even if we're out by midnight it's a long day.

I don't write this to get your sympathy (although if any of my professors are reading this I should get all As). Instead I wanted to share passion.

The Colonnade is a product of hours of hard work from over 20 amazing individuals. I am extremely lucky to have a great staff around me this year. If you had told the sophomore version of me that I would be editor-in-chief one day I would have laughed. That's because as a sophomore I had barely found myself, let alone my passion. Over the past two years I have come to realize what I hope every college student can realize and that is how much I love the news.

Now I don't want to make you a news junky or recruit you for The Colonnade (although our meetings are Mondays at 5 p.m. in Maple A). Instead, I want you to realize that once you find your passion your life everything is right.

I hope you already know this. I hope you've picked the perfect major, gotten involved in the right organizations and are completely happy. If that's true, then

go you.

If you haven't found your niche, I encourage you to seek it out. Go to meetings, try things, meet new people. The best way for you to find your spot is to try a bunch of different ones. I got extremely lucky and found The Colonnade on the first try, but if I hadn't even ventured out of my dorm room who knows what I'd be doing.

I really hope you take this to heart and go out there and find what you're meant to be doing. I used to think it was cliché to hear the phrase "it'll just feel right," but it's true. Once you find the group or organization that's for you, you'll know. And if you're not sure or have to ask yourself, then it's probably not a match. Good luck and happy hunting.

Love,  
Diet-Coke-powered Editor-in-Chief

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## Ask CLAIRE!



CLAIRE CHILDS

These are the best years of our lives. This is the statement that the universe force feeds into the brains of college students almost constantly. Personally, I find the idea rather depressing, and believe that life must only get better from here until the eventual plateau of adulthood. But supposing that these are the best years of our lives, how does one go about making the best of them?

College is all about new experiences, finding out who you aren't and more importantly who you are. All of us come to college as the high school version of ourselves that has been carefully constructed after 10 plus years with the same people. As freshmen, we have the choice of being a college version of our high school selves or being some one entirely new. The choice is yours.

As college wears on, each year is different, and whether you like it or not by the time you are a junior or senior you are pretty stuck with the choice you made—at least in the case of your major. Sadly, as quickly as the whirl wind of college began, its all over and "the real world" is staring back at you.

So before the real world, let's live it up—safely and with some regard for our futures in mind of course.

The most important rule for a successful college experience is to be true to you. That being said, the second most important rule is to push yourself. Push yourself to talk to people, push yourself to get involved, push yourself to be bold, to be brave, and push yourself to be more than you ever thought you could be.

My third most important rule: to get involved. It could be throwing yourself full on into your major, joining an fraternity or sorority, being part of an organization or club, the newspaper (we are pretty awesome after all) or whatever else. I firmly believe that having group of people you can identify with and a little more than just school on your plate will always make you a more successful individual.

So maybe these are the best years of our lives not because its (at least mildly) socially acceptable to be drunk at three in the afternoon on a weekday, but because these are the years where we learn the skills necessary to be adults. More importantly, these are the years that we learn to be ourselves and at the same time get the experiences for those stories that we will tell our grandchildren.

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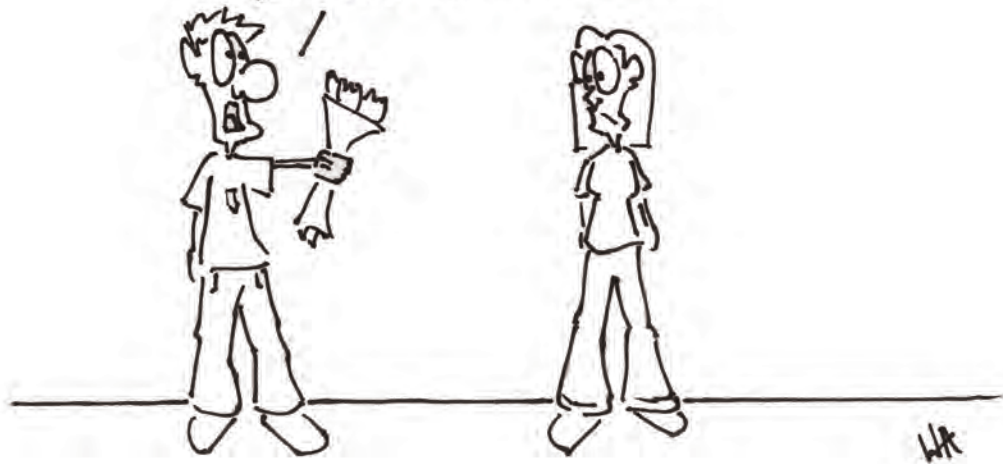
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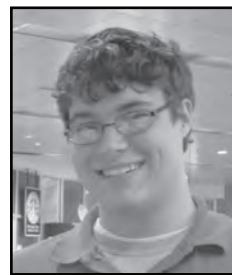
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# Bobcat Beat

REPORTED BY HILARY THOMPSON

"What do you think of coed housing?"

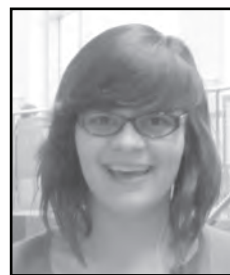


**"I live with a girl in my apartment, and she's disgusting."**

Josh Staff, junior political science and criminal justice major

**"I feel like it should be an option, but it shouldn't be the only option."**

Anastasia Kerr, freshman psychology major



**"I feel like it could prepare you for marriage."**

Coco Esser, sophomore biology major

**"I think it's a good idea. It's 2011. Plus it's nice to have someone to cook for you."**

Chad Stager, junior museum studies major

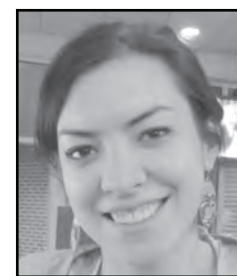


**"I think it's a good idea. It exposes you to a variety of different people."**

Holly D'Amico, senior biology major

**"I'm all for it. I think that in college you're an adult, you're capable of making your own decision, and that includes who you want to live with."**

Leah Yarborough, freshman business major



**"I personally don't have a problem with coed living arrangements. If you're in a relationship with the person you're living with, that's strange, especially if you're in college. But if it's just a friendship, it's just like living with people of the same sex, but a maybe a little messier."**

Jackson Sharpless, freshman undeclared



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# Close up

Spending, saving, and making money in college

February 4, 2011 • Editor, Aubrie Sofala

## Students look for student loans to fund higher education expenses

*College seniors attending public universities graduated with approximately \$20,200 worth of student loan debt in 2010*

CAITLIN RENN  
STAFF WRITER

Between paying for classes, buying groceries, purchasing textbooks, and worrying about rising rent costs student's have a lot to think about when it comes to where they get their money.

College students must often bear a financial burden to achieve higher education, borrowing money and accumulating debt to pay for tuition, books, housing, and the other financial requirements associated with a college education.

According to the Office of Financial Aid, last year about \$20 million in federal and Stafford loans and \$1.2 million in private loans financed degree-seeking students at Georgia College.

"There are lots of good options out there. Budgeting is the most important suggestion for students with loans or considering a loan," said Director of Financial Aid, Cathy Crawley.

Most commonly, two basic categories of loans support students in furthering education: federal direct Stafford loans and private loans.

Federal loans are financed by the government rather than a bank or other financial institution, so the interest rates and payment plans are regulated and monitored by the federal government through the Department of Education. Because these loans are part of a Federal Aid program, the cost to students is generally low.

Private loans from banks or other financial institutions must adhere to banking laws and regulations, but not by direct government involvement, so competition generally drives the interest rates and pay-

ment plans for these loans.

Also, federal student loans may be either subsidized--meaning that the loan does not accumulate interest while the student is in school and the loan is established by a need-based calculation--or unsubsidized--meaning that any student can qualify but that interest does accumulate during the years the student is enrolled in school.

"My first semester I received \$3,000 from a subsidized Federal Stafford loan," said senior political science major Jessica Stilwell. "It's nice not to have to worry about interest—at least until after graduation."

"Because I don't have HOPE, I needed more money in loans, so I received both subsidized and unsubsidized federal loans," said freshman marketing major Chloe Frew. "I've already put some money toward the unsubsidized loan, so that won't be as bad, but it's worth it to go to college."

Student loans support huge numbers of both undergraduate and graduate students nationwide. More than \$100 billion in federal education loans and \$10 billion in private student loans finance students' education each year, according to FinAid, a public service providing comprehensive student financial aid information and statistics.

**"Budgeting is the most important suggestion for students with loans or considering a loan"**

Cathy Crawley,  
Director of Financial Aid

A study conducted by the U.S. Department of Education found that college seniors at public universities graduate with an average student loan debt of \$20,200. At Georgia College, seniors graduated with about the same amount of debt last year, owing an average of \$23,000, according to Crawley.

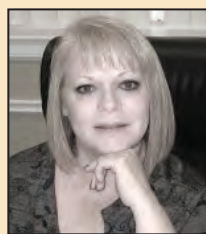
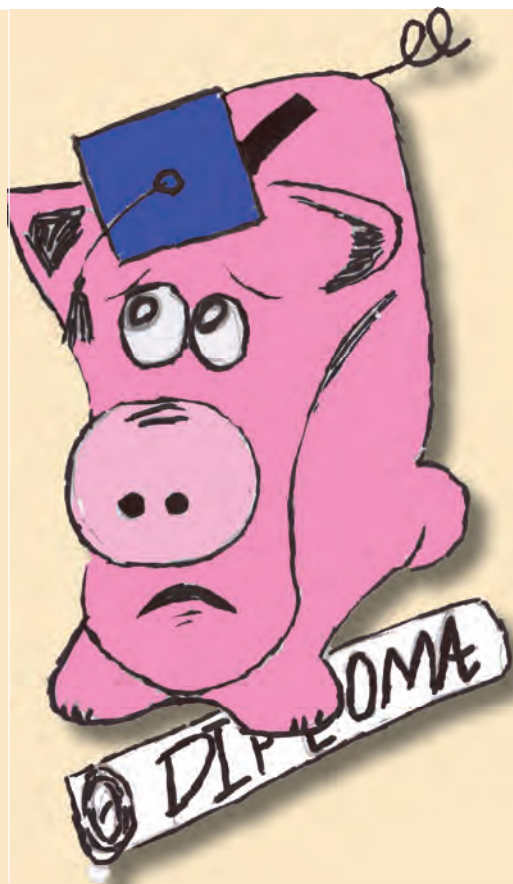
"I graduated with about \$80,000 in student loans, but the Department of Education can be really helpful if you work with them. They can take you through it step-by-step to help you get on the right payment program," said Associate English professor Eddie Zipperer.

"Part of our job is to be the professional office on campus. We try to suggest applying for free money first and then we counsel students on borrowing only what they need," Crawley said of the Financial Aid Office.

Georgia College students generally sit below the average default rate, meaning that most students succeed in repaying their loans, however difficult it may be. On average, Georgia College students repay their loans on a payment plan of about \$300 per month.

The inability to repay a loan could damage one's credit, involve collection agencies, or even the seizure of tax refunds.

"The most important thing is deciding how much you need to borrow by looking at your current funds and knowing your current financial situation," Crawley said.



Crawley

Cathy Crawley, Director of Financial Aid has worked at Georgia College for over 20 years. Crawley offers her advice about student loans to students

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the amount in dollars of student loan debt the average college senior graduates with

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million dollars in Stafford loans taken out by Georgia College students last year

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the amount in dollars of credit card debt accumulated by students in 2009

## How to live on a budget

VICTORIA GAROFALO  
STAFF WRITER

Whether it's the nagging parents, juggling expenses or developing good monetary habits—money management and budgeting in college affects everyone.

For some students, it's having parents constantly nagging them to watch their spending, stay on budget, stop wasting money on going out to eat and useless stuff and many other complaints. For others, those students who aren't monetarily supported by their parents, this act of personal budgeting and staying within one's limits, may be more familiar. Nonetheless, there are many ways to cut corners and save money, while still attending events and not missing out on fun times. These cost saving measures may just not be so obvious.

"I probably should be on a budget, I spend money on things I don't need...I need a job so I can buy what I want and that will help me be less dependent on my parents even though I'm not full dependent on them," sophomore economics major Melissa Mooney said.

Overspending and thus over-drawing your bank account can be embarrassing; having your credit card declined in front of all of yours friends at dinner just as discomforting.

Planning ahead is probably the most effective and simple way to save money.

The entire process should begin with a basic outline, monthly ongoing fixed expenses should be totaled first (rent, utilities, car expenses) and subtracted from the initial budget, then the remaining, variable expenses should be divided into weekly allotments; smaller and more specific spending.

It is then necessary to decide what things will be a necessity to buy weekly (food, toiletries, gifts) and the same for social and recreation expenses. This monthly exercise will help greatly to keep you budgeted.

Mapping out a simple game plan once a week is a great way to see where money will be going and how much spending can be done in advance.

Pre-determined meals, events, and other activities in advance and setting money aside is the ideal. This only takes maybe ten to fifteen minutes a week to accomplish. Also, once this habit is firmly established, after budgeting for a few months, it'll only get easier to stay on budget.

"I definitely spend the most money on food but I know how to budget my money. I spent around \$35 a week on eating out and other activities," Junior chemistry major Joey Sennebogen said.

**"I probably should be on a budget, I spend money on things I don't need..."**

Melissa Mooney,  
Sophomore economics major

Simply pre-planning meals once a week, before venturing out to the grocery store, will prevent buying unnecessary things.

Remember to never go out shopping hungry. Once your plans are planned and your list is made, finding coupons to use can save even more money. The adage --it's easier to save money, then make money still hold true!

Also, search around for the cheapest gas prices; there are websites that will tell you the best prices in your area. Dont just fill-up at the most convenient location, five to ten cents on a gallon may seem like nothing but overtime even that adds up; some stores, such as Sam's club, Costco or even Kroger give you ten cents off a gallon on locations.

Gasoline is expensive, and expected to go up this Spring and Summer, so more students should walk to class and/or carpool instead of driving around searching for a parking spot for fifteen minutes every day.



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Georgia College senior Erin Williams works at Blackbird Coffee house. Williams, theatre major said balancing a job while working isn't going to be that difficult. "Luckily, I don't think it's going to be too much because I've done theater."

"I get money from my parents but I'm good at budgeting it. My parents give me x amount of money every two weeks and it's too bad if I spend it all the first week," junior special education major Sara Landers said.

Lastly, everything eventually goes on sale. There are best times of year to buy anything, why pay full price for clothes, electronics, vacations or even text books if you can save money simply by purchasing them at a certain time.

Technology is making it even easier with applications on phones and devices that once a barcode is scanned for an item, it will tell you if it's cheaper at another store nearby. With websites such as Groupon (Google and Amazon are also both launching similar sites) you get a daily coupon, if activated by a certain number of people; it is usually for a variety of local businesses and services, you can save up to 70 percent off.

Budgeting is a way to design a realistic plan for spending and expenses. All of the money saved could be spent on something more worthwhile.

It also firmly establishes positive life-long habits. Founding father Ben Franklin, over 200 years ago had it right..."a penny saved is a penny earned."

### Quick tips to save:

- Make a grocery list before you go shopping

-Clip coupons before shopping

-Make a monthly budget

-Scour the sales rack for bargains



-Drive less, walk more

-Check out places that have student discounts





## A look at common college expenses through the last decade

Item	Price Now	Price Then
Gallon of gas	\$2.99	\$1.51 in 2000
12 pack of Budweiser (bottles)	\$11.00	\$8.99 in 2003
Box of Kelloggs Corn Flakes	\$3.99	\$2.99 in 2002
Movie ticket 	\$9.00	\$7.50 in 2000
Georgia College tuition (12+ hours plus fees)	\$3,926	\$2,071 in 2005
Coke (two liter) 	\$1.49	\$.99 in 2000

Sources: [wealthvest.com](http://wealthvest.com), [foodtimeline.org](http://foodtimeline.org)

- Donating plasma. Each visit can pocket you \$20 to \$30.
- Recycling bottles and cans
- If you are a designer, you can sell your design on T-shirts online
- Tutoring
- See if you have any unclaimed money by visiting the website at [www.unclaimed.org](http://www.unclaimed.org)
- Donate eggs or sperm. Donating eggs can pocket you \$3,000-\$5,000. Sperm donation depends on the quality of the sample but can pay anywhere from \$1 to \$45

*Career Center Director Mary Roberts gives her advice on getting a job*

an important part of my job. I help write the packets on resumes and cover letters that we give students to help them with the process.

Also you do a lot of researching in Literature classes, which is a skill I use in my job. If you like to write then pick a major where you can do a lot of that and then you can find a job where you need those skills. I learned the most from jobs that didn't work out because I learned from what I didn't like.

**Q: What things can students do now on campus that will help them prepare for a job?**

A: Join as many clubs as you can. If you work at The GIVE Center for example you might discover you want to work at a non-profit. Come to the career center because we have mock interviews with real companies.

We have a representative from Geico who comes often to give feedback on student's body language and over all impression during the interview. We also offer resume workshops from time to time.

**Q: What about off campus?**

A: The most important thing students need to do is research about their career of choice. Look at websites of companies you are interested in and they will put up job descriptions there.

And even if your major doesn't require you to get an internship try to find one any way. If you don't have experience in the field you want to go into then you'll have a harder time getting a job.

## Fun facts about the the Career Center Director, Mary Roberts

- She has worked at Georgia College since July 2007
- She up in Florida
- She Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina where she majored in English.
- She received Master of Education in student personnel at the University of South Carolina
- She currently lives in Macon with her retriever setter mix, Emma, and cat, Maggie
- She is obsessed with "Gone with the Wind"
- She first got interested in working in career services because her College 101 instructor was the director os career services

AUBRIE SOFALA  
STAFF REPORTER

Balancing college and a job is a task that approximately 70 percent of students manage while obtaining a four-year degree, according to a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Education. However, the juggling act can quickly become tricky when student's struggle to find balance between the two worlds.

"I don't know what the exact number is but we do have a lot of students that work while they're in college," Mary Roberts, director of the Career Center said. said

The national employment rate of college students is 51.4 percent, according to a study conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in October of 2009. More students are working, some by choice, others for extra income.

"I feel like I have to work to help pay for stuff at school—like books, groceries, gas and rent," said senior exercise science major Tyler Mabe.

Many students do have to work for income purposes, but others gain valuable experiences from working during college. Roberts said that students obtain a sense of independence, work experience, and receive good references that could possibly help in the future, when attempting to find a career.

However, there are disadvantages when it comes to working while in college.

"When I was working it was hard to complete projects, homework, and write papers when I was tired at the end of a long day," said senior liberal studies major Erin Logue.

Logue has decided to take this semester off from working due to the difficulty of her classes.

"We recommend at some point during the four years, whether its an internship, even if its unpaid or a paid part-time job—do something to get you use to being in a working

environment,” Roberts said.

For students that don't work while in college, there are numerous other activities that can be done to gain experience. Roberts says that job shadowing, informational interviews, volunteering and internships are all ways to gain experience in your field.

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Tyler Mabe,  
Senior exercise science  
major

or no time to study but other times it's not bad at all," Mabe said about balancing work and school.

Roberts offers some advice to students, like Mabe, who must work.

"You've got to have time management skills," Roberts said.



Simple tasks such as creating a to-do list, scheduling time to study, keeping a calendar can help students become more organized.

Organization is key to maintaining a healthy balance between work and school. Roberts also says that for incoming freshmen, it's best to become settled with classes before looking for a job.



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## A new season on the diamond



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### Baseball looks to defend PBC, Southeast Regional titles; high expectations dominate 2011 outlook

SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

Georgia College baseball Head Coach Tom Carty knows the expectations couldn't be higher for his 2011 club. After going 42-17, winning the Peach Belt Conference championship, winning the NCAA Southeast Tournament and falling just two victories shy of a Division II national championship, the Bobcats are looking to finish what they just

missed out on last season.

The strong season has transpired into some significant preseason recognition. Two players are preseason All-Americans and the Bobcats are ranked in virtually every preseason poll around college baseball.

"I like this team. I think we showed some things in the Fall, and I think we have gotten the program to really embrace the high expectations," Carty said. "Getting to the

World Series last year was our goal. Our goal was to win the national championship, and it's our goal this year as well."

While the Bobcats lost talent from last year's team, they return some key faces and will rely heavily on several transfers who have experience as well.

"They're new, but they're not freshmen," Carty said. "They're transfer and junior college guys who are a little more mature, and they've kind of embraced what our returners have as far as expectations to try to finish the job we couldn't quite finish last year."

If the Bobcats want to duplicate last year's success, Carty says they will have to get healthy on the mound, where they are currently running a little thin. Senior righthander Eric Pettepher and senior southpaw Jason Nicholas will anchor the pitching staff.

"Those are certainly guys who pitched a lot of quality innings for us last year, so we're really going to try to ride those guys, especially early in the season, since we are banged up," Carty said.

Also returning on the mound for Georgia College are redshirt senior righthanders Ryan Parson and Tanner Moore, redshirt junior righty

### Softball looks to improve on down 2010 season as Grodecki takes over as new Head Coach

SCOTTY THOMPSON  
SENIOR REPORTER

As the Georgia College softball team prepares to begin its 2011 season, first year Head Coach Jamie Grodecki says the most important thing for her team is to build a mutual trust in each other and build off of the struggles they faced in 2010, when the young Bobcats finished 13-32.

Adjusting to a different philosophy is a common challenge teams face under a first year head coach, and for the Bobcats, this season will be no different.

"Communication is a big thing," Grodecki said. "The girls have been used to who was here and the way things were, and so we've been focusing on getting to know each other, getting to be around each other and building those important relationships. The longer you're around someone, the more you trust them."

The Bobcats, who will be looking to improve upon their down season a year ago, will return some talented players along with a strong incoming freshman class.

Three pitchers from the 2010 Georgia College squad return, with junior ace Haley Burnett leading the way. Burnett accounted for nine of the



FILE PHOTO

Junior pitcher and first baseman Haley Burnett was the offensive and pitching leader for the Bobcats last season.

Bobcats 13 wins last season on the mound, had a team-low 4.49 ERA and struck out 105 batters in 154.1 innings of work.

Juniors Caitlin Duvall and Sabrina Chandler also return

as pitchers, even though they scarcely saw action on the mound, and freshman Chelsie Huffman should also be seeing some time.



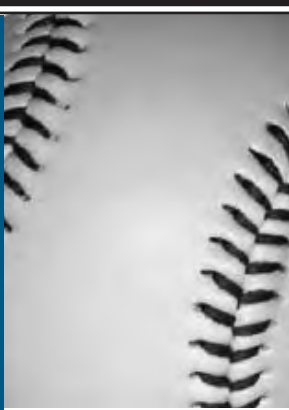
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Senior rightfielder Shawn Ward should prove to be a force in the middle of the Bobcats lineup in 2011.

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## The Short Stop



### Upcoming Home Games

**Women's Basketball:**  
Feb. 10 5:30 p.m. Augusta St.

**Men's Basketball:**  
Feb. 10 7:30 p.m. Augusta St.

**Baseball:**  
Feb. 13 1 p.m. West Georgia

### Quote of the Week

"...I don't think it's time to reflect yet. In a football sense, when doubters and naysayers confront and challenge me to rise above ... I want to do that. And it's the same with being a better person..."

— Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger in response to if his personal life has changed after being accused of rape in Milledgeville last March (ESPN)

### Notable Stat

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Number of Super Bowl rings Roethlisberger has won in six-plus years of experience. He will have an opportunity for a third on Feb. 6 against Green Bay.











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